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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Johnson

Appl. No.: Unknown (parent 10/146,624)

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For: *Adaptive Control System having Hedge Unit and Related Apparatus and Method*

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Examiner: Pham, Thomas

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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

37 C.F.R. § 1.121

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Response is submitted to respond to issues raised in the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002 in the parent application to which this continuation application claims priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §120. The preliminary response is submitted in the "Revised Amendment Format" that is now permitted pursuant to the *Official Gazette* Notice of February 25, 2003.